

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition for an infant formula comprising a protein ~~source~~ which has a low threonine content ~~and, the composition~~ comprising:

a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and sweet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropptide has been removed;

free arginine;

free histidine; and

a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan based rich milk protein and mixtures thereof, wherein the low threonine content comprises less than about 8g threonine/16g nitrogen.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 which comprises from about 9.0 to about 10.0 w/w% of protein.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein ~~source~~ comprises casein protein.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 4, wherein the protein ~~source~~ comprises about 6% to about 50% by weight of whey protein and about 20% to about 40% casein protein.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ~~protein source~~ whey component is substantially free of lactose.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein ~~source~~ has less than 10% blocked lysine.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein ~~source~~ comprises hydrolyzed protein.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 8, wherein the protein ~~source~~ comprises about 98.5% to about 97% by weight of hydrolyzed sweet whey protein and about 1.5% to about 3% by weight of arginine, tyrosine, and histidine.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 which comprises:

about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of free arginine;

about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of free tryptophan and free tyrosine; and

about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 which comprises a lipid ~~source~~ and a carbohydrate ~~source~~.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 11, wherein the lipid ~~source~~ comprises medium chain triglycerides.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 11, wherein the carbohydrate ~~source~~ includes lactose.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An infant formula comprising a protein ~~source~~ having a low threonine content and comprising:

a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and sweet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropptide has been removed;

a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan based ~~rich~~ milk protein and mixtures thereof;

up to about 1.5% by weight histidine; and
about 0.1% to about 2% by weight arginine, wherein the low threonine content comprises less than about 8g threonine/16g nitrogen.

Claim 15 (previously presented): An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tryptophan.

Claim 16 (previously presented): An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises about 1% to about 1.5% by weight histidine, about 0.6% to about 0.9% by weight arginine, and about 0.3% to about 0.5% by weight tyrosine.

Claim 17 (previously presented): An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tyrosine.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method of producing an infant formula composition comprising the steps of:

blending whey protein and casein protein together with free arginine, free histidine, and a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan based ~~rich~~-milk protein and mixtures thereof, and homogenizing the blended mixture.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method of providing a medicament to an infant comprising the step of administering to an infant a formula comprising:

a protein source which has a ~~low~~-threonine content less than about 8g threonine/16g nitrogen and comprising a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and sweet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropeptide has been removed, free arginine, free histidine, a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan based ~~rich~~-milk protein and mixtures thereof, and a medicament.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method of providing nutrition to an infant comprising the step of administering to an infant a formula comprising:

a protein source which has a ~~low~~-threonine content less than about 8g threonine/16g nitrogen and comprising a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and sweet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropeptide has been removed, free arginine, free histidine, a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan based ~~rich~~-milk protein and mixtures thereof, and a nutritional agent.

Claim 21 (previously presented): An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises up to about 0.1% by weight histidine, about 0.1% to about 0.3% by weight arginine, and about 0.3 to about 0.5% by weight tryptophan.

Claims 22-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method according to claim 18, wherein the ~~infant formula~~ whey component is substantially free of lactose.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula comprises:

about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine;

about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and

about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula comprises a lipid ~~source~~ and a carbohydrate ~~source~~.

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (previously presented): A method according to claim 19, wherein the protein source comprises casein protein.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A method according to claim 19, wherein the ~~protein source~~whey component is substantially free of lactose.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A method according to claim 19, wherein the protein source comprises:

about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine;

about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and

about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method according to claim 19, wherein the formula comprises a lipid ~~source~~ and a carbohydrate ~~source~~.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises casein protein.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A method according to claim 20, wherein the ~~protein source~~whey component is substantially free of lactose.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises:

about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine;

about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and

about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A method according to claim 20, wherein the formula comprises a lipid ~~source~~ and a carbohydrate ~~source~~.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tryptophan.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises about 1% to about 1.5% by weight histidine, about 0.6% to about 0.9% by weight arginine, and about 0.3% to about 0.5% by weight tyrosine.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tyrosine.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises up to about 0.1% by weight histidine, about 0.1% to about 0.3% by weight arginine, and about 0.3 to about 0.5% by weight tryptophan.